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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 11-333000. A discussion of relevance of this document is set forth on page two of the present application. Also enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,250 which corresponds to this Japanese document.

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report issued by the Japanese Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

International Publication No. WO 99/61098. This document corresponds to European Patent Application No. 1 005 879, a copy of which is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 4,922,927.

European Patent Application No. 0 813 890.

U.S. Patent No. 5,179,947.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents are enclosed.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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